

Crossroads

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Summary: I wrote this poem to commemorate the release of the New Jungle Book on April 15. It was written in the spirit of the original 1894 novel.

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CROSSROADS

The sun timidly slips upward from the sky

Greeted by the mingling of primal cries

Among the noble ones, the frog hops from rock to rock

Secrets untold are his to unlock

Torn between the savage and civilized realms

The limbo at the entrance to Hell

Stripes, black down and moon

His destiny will blaze bright soon

Grudges and cackles lie in his path

Seared by the scarlet petals' wrath

The shout of thunder from a metal mouth

Forced to aim towards enemies uncouth

Blood of dogs, a noble soul

Aim to mend what was once whole

Covered by the verdant curtain

Can't the future for once, be certain?

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